

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Tony Tammaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Joe Stewart*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 1, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Stewart, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Deputy Clerk Zattoni. Clerk Sersha was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Kelly Campbell, Mike Erjavec and Jerry Ulman

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements have not been received for the month of April at this time. Tentatively, there were \$98,492.34 in expenditures and \$33,097.58 in revenues. Cash balances at this time are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$98,690.90
Assessment Savings-	\$382,343.77
Mt Iron Checking-	\$525,959.31

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Scott Neff- Letter regarding the conflict of interest situation by Mr. Neff representing Fayal in the water/sewer negotiations and Sam Aluni representing Gilbert in those same negotiations. Mr. Neff underscored the right of Fayal to obtain legal council outside of the Trenti Law Firm to free itself from any conflict of interest, and asked to be advised if the Town wants to discontinue its services with Mr. Neff. Referred to Old Business, placed on file.

SLC Planning- Letter regarding the joint cooperation agreement renewal for CDBG and HOME Programs. If we want to continue to be a part of the agreement, we do not have to do anything. If we wish to discontinue we must notify the county and HUD in writing. Placed on file.

City of Eveleth, Jackie Monahan Junek- Letter Requesting copy of Fayal Town Board meeting minutes of April 17, 2007. Copy will provided, placed on file.

SLC Extension Service- Info regarding when wood ash would be spread within the town from the Biomass Power Plant. Placed on file.

SLC Fair- Request for donation. Referred to New Business.

Chairman Kniefel- Copy of letter sent to Eveleth Mayor Bill Matos regarding ambulance service for the town by Eveleth. Placed on file.

John Jamnick, RLK- Sketch of area where our sewer forcemain is located on land managed by the Eveleth Fee Office. Referred to Old Business.

Vidmar Appraisals- Proposal for assessing services. Referred to Old Business.

Jan Jackson, Assessor- Proposal for assessing services. Referred to Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Stewart-**

**New Firefighter Application-** The Fire Department has requested a background check on the new applicant, the request has been referred to Chief Thompson.

**Blight Complaint-** A complaint has been received from two neighboring property owners. Supervisor Stewart reported he visited the property, and in his opinion there is no blight, per our ordinance. There are a fair amount of materials on the property, but it is neatly stacked and organized. Supervisor Stewart stated that he did not consider it an eyesore to the general public, or the neighboring property owner, but rather a conflict between the two parties.

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Gilbert Negotiations-** Supervisors Branville & Tammaro, along with Mike Erjavec and Kelly Campbell met with Scott Neff. Mr. Campbell made a report to the Board on the meeting. The PUC will be meeting to discuss rates and what should be included in a letter to Gilbert with Fayal's proposal for wholesale water and sewer rates.

***Motion to have Scott Neff write a letter to Gilbert regarding a rate proposal for water and sewer services, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Office Renovations-** The wiring for the computers has been completed, and most of the office furniture has arrived and been installed.

**Park Area-** The area where the brush pile was burned will be cleaned up shortly, and landscaping can begin.

### **Supervisor Tammaro-**

**Attorney Conflict of Interest-** Discussion regarding Fayal and Gilbert using attorneys from the same law firm. Consensus is there will not be a problem.

**Long Lake Road Residential Speed Zone-** The residential speed zone resolution that was done in 2001 covers this area. The 30 mph signs have been ordered and will be installed.

**Kaleva Island Sewer-** Two or three proposals will be forthcoming.

**Sweeper Sale-** Discussion on putting the sweeper on the county auction in September. Tammaro states the road employees would like to get rid of it ASAP to free up some room. Discussion on advertizing.

***Motion to advertize the sweeper for sale, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Storage Space-** Supervisor Tammaro suggests we build at least a two stall garage near the fire department for storage for both the fire and police departments.

***Motion to obtain estimates for a two stall garage, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville stated that the garage should be at least 3 stall and input should be taken from the fire, road and police personnel. Supervisor Stewart stated the building should be situated in such a way that it could be expanded upon in the future. Much more discussion on size and location. Tammaro agrees to amending his motion to allow for a bigger building. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Chairman Kniefel-**

**Appraiser Proposals-** The Board reviewed the two proposals that were submitted.

***Motion to stay with the county assessor, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Fee Office License-*** Chairman Kniefel reported he received a fax from RLK showing a draft site map of the location of our sewer line on land managed by the fee office. Kniefel will contact Dan England regarding the license.

***Bike Trail-*** Bob Manzoline contacted Chairman Kniefel regarding the enhancement project for the bike trail. The bike trail would be relocated to the east side of Miller Trunk and Hwy. 53, although additional easements will be needed. A proposal for a single corridor for both bike and snowmobile use will need to be made. The grant will be available in 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Branville reported he received a citizen complaint about Fayal providing fire protection for Camp Warren whose property is tax-exempt. Branville questioned if we are obligated to provide the protection? Chairman Kniefel answered that we are, and do provide fire protection for other tax exempt properties within the town. A dry hydrant was installed on their property, at their expense, a number of years ago and the Camp used to make donations to the township for fire protection, but none have been received for many years.

***Motion to have Supervisor Stewart contact Fire Chief Shykes to request some donations from Camp Warren for providing fire service, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Pernu reported that Charlie Erickson repaired and painted the table and chair storage area.

***Motion to make no donation to the St. Louis County Fair, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel informed the board of a Quad Cities Sewer meeting on May 17 and reminded the Board of the Board of Equalization on Wednesday, May 2, 1:00 PM.

The Board discussed Resolution 2007-1. Chairman Kniefel stated that a formal written policy is needed.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-1, A Resolution to Establish Accounting Policies and Procedures for the Financial Activities of the Town of Fayal, St. Louis County, Minnesota, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Mike Erjavec reported the PUC has called a special meeting on Monday, May 7, 5:00 PM to discuss the Gilbert rate negotiations.

Jerry Ulman and Kelly Campbell had no comment.

***Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta M. Zattoni  
Deputy Clerk

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

